



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 101***

LCO No. 1152



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND PERSONS REENTERING THE COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and  
2 Community Development shall evaluate the state's current workforce  
3 development programs for incarcerated persons and persons reentering  
4 the community after incarceration. Such evaluation shall include, but  
5 need not be limited to, whether such programs are effective and align  
6 with the current needs of employers in the state. Not later than January  
7 1, 2023, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions  
8 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the results of such  
9 evaluation to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
10 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Economic  
12 and Community Development shall develop an employer toolkit to  
13 facilitate the employment of incarcerated persons prior to or  
14 immediately after release from incarceration. Not later than October 1,

15 2022, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall  
16 post such toolkit on its Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to (1) evaluate workforce development programs for incarcerated persons and persons reentering the community after incarceration, and (2) create an employer toolkit to facilitate such persons' employment.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*